

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

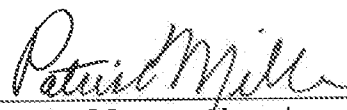
By this Amendment, Claims 12, 14, 20, and 22 have been amended, without acceding to the respective objections and rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance.

A prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10061) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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